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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y TEXT PARA ONE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EMIN, ZA
SUBJ: ZAMBIA PLANS TO REDUCE COPPER PRODUCTION

1. ACCORDING TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE GRZ
MINISTRY OF MINES, ZAMBIA IS NOW INVESTIGATING PROCEDURES
FOR IMPLEMENTING A 15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN COPPER PRODUCTION
AS AGREED TO BY ZAMBIA, PERU AND ZAIRE. THE PERMSEC SAID
THAT THE METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE CUTBACK AND THE PRO-
DUCTION BASE USED IN FIGURING THE 15 PERCENT WOULD BE
AGREED TO AND STANDARDIZED BY THE THREE COUNTRIES. AN
ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING FIRM WILL BE ENGAGED
TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BY THE THREE COUNTRIES.
THE PERMSEC SAID THAT WITHOUT SUCH "ENFORCEMENT," ADHERENCE
TO THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE UNLIKELY.

2. ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF "REDUNDANCIES" IN THE INDUSTRY
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FOLLOWING A PRODUCTION CUTBACK, HE SAID THAT WHILE THE
GOVERNMENT HOPED TO AVOID LAYOFFS, THE MINERS MIGHT NOT
NECESSARILY REMAIN IN THE MINING INDUSTRY. HE POINTED OUT
THAT SOME OF THE MINERS AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF RCM'S
KALENGWA MINE HAD BEEN "REDIRECTED TO THE LAND." THE GRZ
WOULD HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL "REDIRECTION" WOULD BE POSSIBLE
IN THE EVENT OF OTHER CLOSURES. HE INDICATED THAT THE

GOVERNMENT HAD IN MIND A HOMESTEADING SCHEME TO ABSORB
PERSONNEL FROM THE MINES.

2. CLEARLY, THE MINISTRY OF MINES HAS SOME SORT OF PRO-
DUCTION CUTBACK IN MIND. JUST AS CLEARLY, ZAMBIA IS
INTERESTED IN A "SYSTEM" THAT ASSURES ALL THREE COUNTRIES
TAKE COMPARABLE ACTION. IF PERU AND ZAIRE COME UP WITH A
PLAN THAT SHOWS A PRODUCTION CUT ON PAPER ONLY, ZAMBIA IS
NOT LIKELY TO EFFECT A FURTHER REAL REDUCTION ON HER OWN.
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